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SUPERMAN
ZOOMS
TOWARD
METROPOLIS
AFTER A
WHIRLWIND
WORLD-
PATROL...

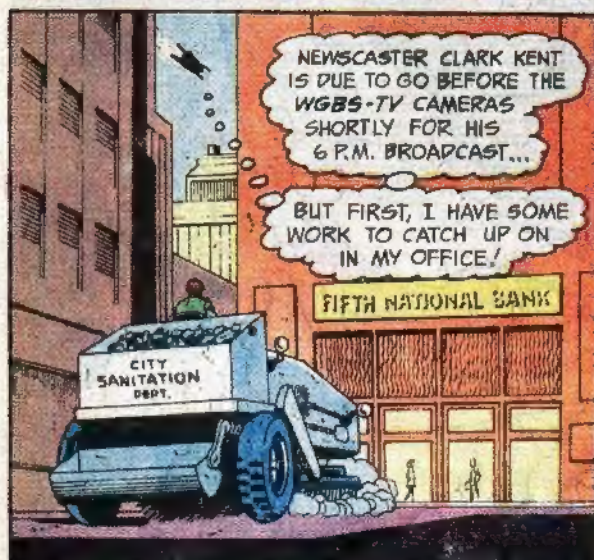
FOILED A SKY-JACKING
OVER ISRAEL... HALTED AN
AVALANCHE IN THE SWISS
ALPS... TUGGED A SINKING
FREIGHTER BACK TO PORT
IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC!

NOT BAD FOR AN
HOUR'S WORK!

BUT AWAITING HIM IN THE CITY AHEAD--
A SINISTER CONSPIRACY...

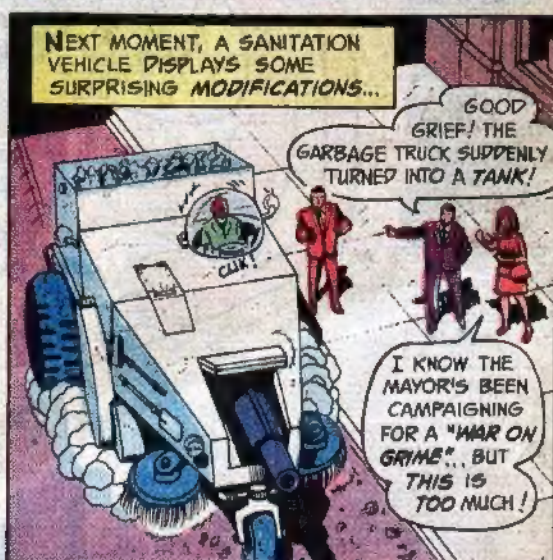
SUPERMAN APPROACHES METROPOLIS
THIS VERY MOMENT! NO DOUBT HE'LL
CHANGE TO HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY AND
REPORT TO WORK AT THE GALAXY BUILDING!

WE BAITED
THE TRAP IN
HIS OFFICE
JUST IN
TIME!



NEWSCASTER CLARK KENT
IS DUE TO GO BEFORE THE
WGBS-TV CAMERAS
SHORTLY FOR HIS
6 P.M. BROADCAST...

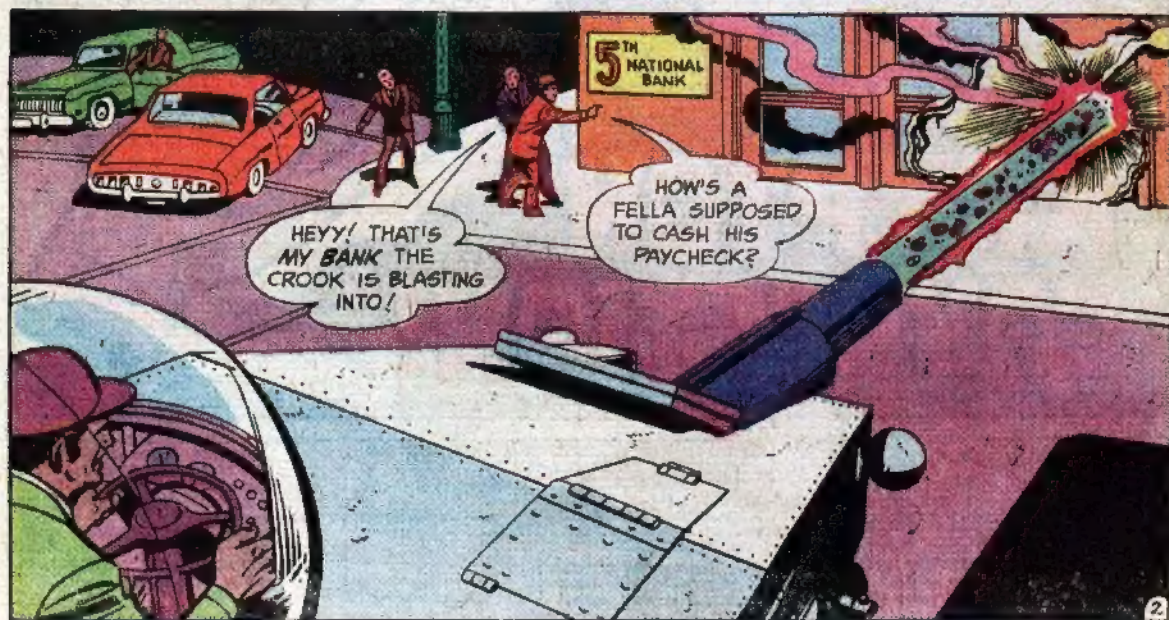
BUT FIRST, I HAVE SOME
WORK TO CATCH UP ON
IN MY OFFICE!



NEXT MOMENT, A SANITATION
VEHICLE DISPLAYS SOME
SURPRISING MODIFICATIONS...

GOOD
GRIEF! THE
GARBAGE TRUCK SUDDENLY
TURNED INTO A TANK!

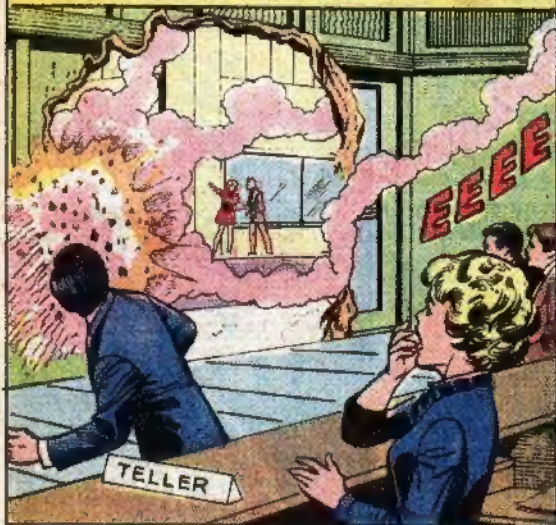
I KNOW THE
MAYOR'S BEEN
CAMPAIGNING
FOR A "WAR ON
CRIME"... BUT
THIS IS
TOO MUCH!



HEYY! THAT'S
MY BANK THE
CROOK IS BLASTING
INTO!

HOW'S A
FELLA SUPPOSED
TO CASH HIS
PAYCHECK?

AND INSIDE THE BUILDING, AMID THE GENERAL PANIC--A TERRIFIED TELLER LETS OUT AN EAR-PIERCING SCREAM...



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EVEN BEFORE THE THREAT ENDS, THE ACTION ACE BEGINS HIS COUNTERMOVE...

NOT LIKELY HIS BACK-UP RAY-- WHATEVER IT IS-- WOULD DO MUCH MORE THAN TICKLE ME...

...BUT I'LL PLAY IT SAFE BY USING MY INDESTRUCTIBLE CAPE FOR A SHIELD!



BUT EVEN MORE AMAZING, BEFORE THE WEAPON CAN BE FIRED AT ITS TARGET...



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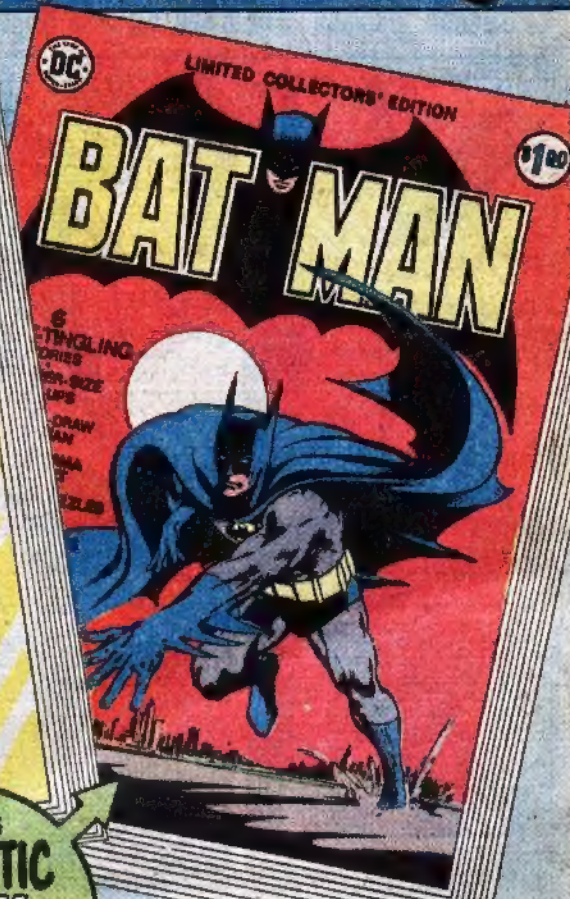
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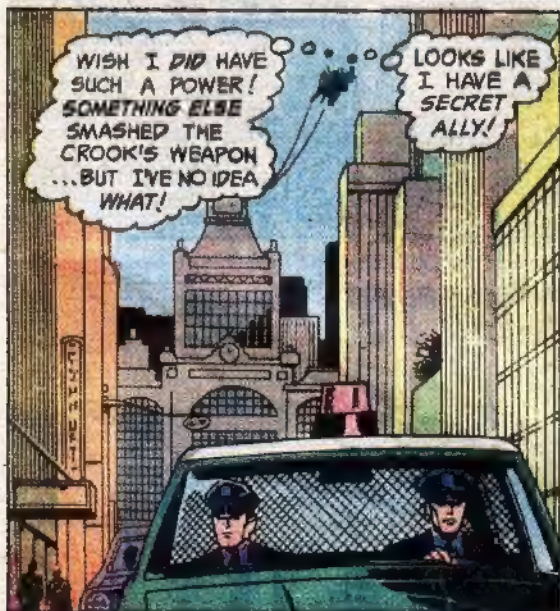
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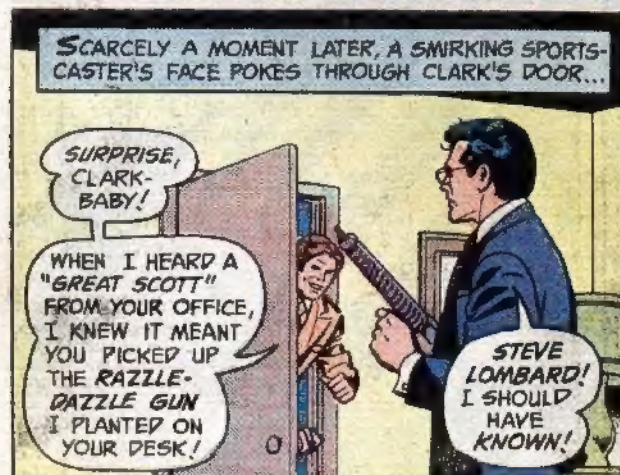
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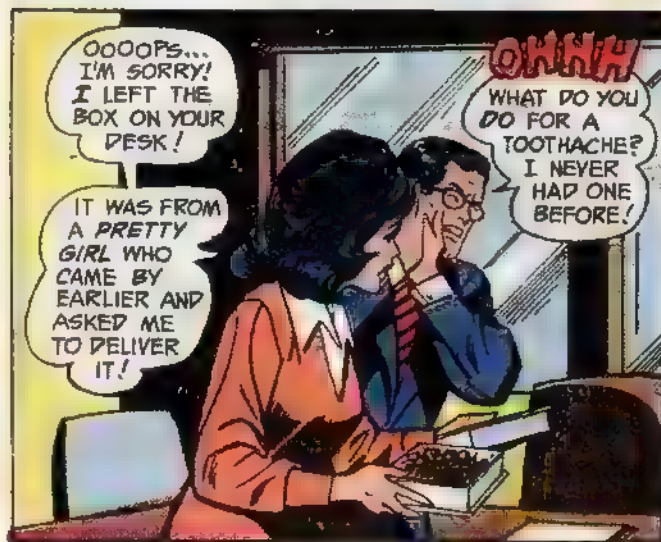
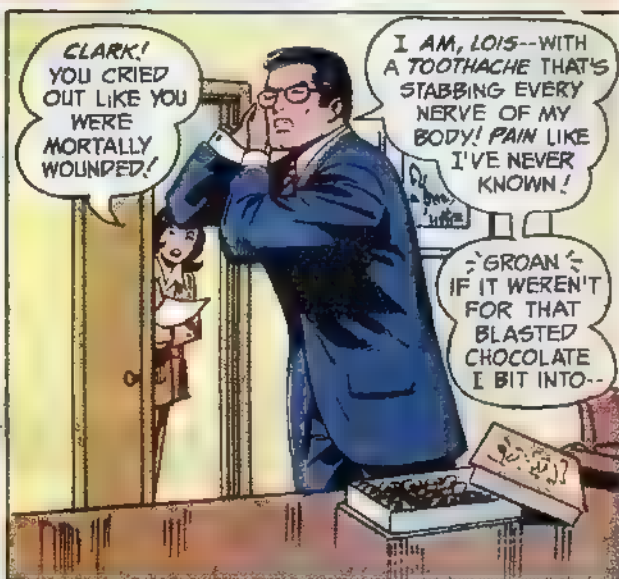
PUTTING ASIDE THE TROUBLESOME TOY, THE MILD-MANNERED REPORTER TURNS TO THE OTHER GIFT ON HIS DESK...

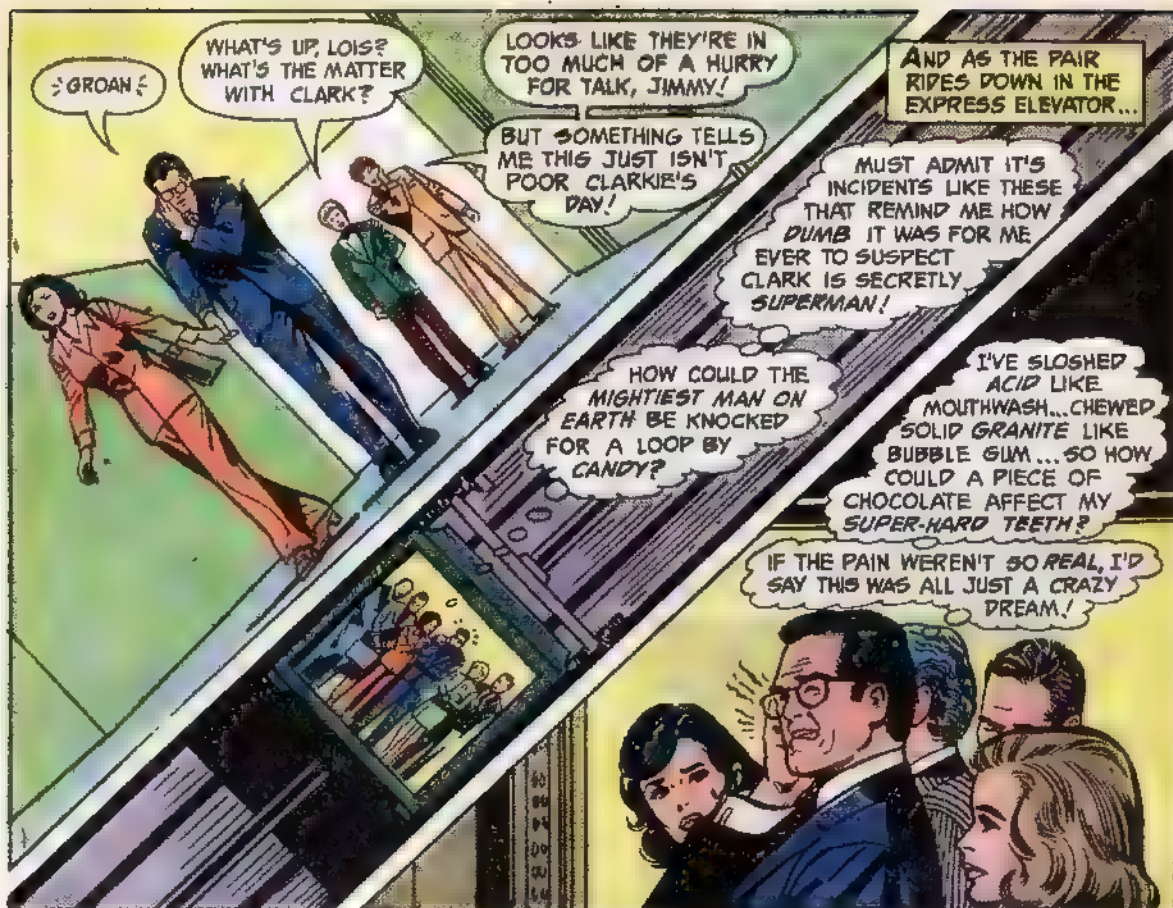
IMAGINE THAT-- I'VE GOT A CLUB OF ADMIRERS!

AS SUPERMAN, I'M ACCUSTOMED TO THE ADULATION OF MILLIONS... BUT TO KNOW CLARK HAS FANS OF HIS OWN REALLY CHOKES ME UP!

TO CLARK KENT,
THE NIFTIEST NEWSMAN
ON TV-- FROM THE
FAITHFUL GIRLS OF
YOUR NEW FAN
CLUB!

MIGHT AS WELL
SAMPLE THE
MERCHANDISE!
NOTHING THAT SAYS
A MAN OF STEEL
CAN'T HAVE A
SWEET TOOTH
FOR CHOCOLATE-
COVERED
CHERRIES...





~GROAN~

WHAT'S UP, LOIS?
WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH CLARK?

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE IN
TOO MUCH OF A HURRY
FOR TALK, JIMMY!

BUT SOMETHING TELLS
ME THIS JUST ISN'T
POOR CLARKIE'S
DAY!

AND AS THE PAIR
RIDES DOWN THE
EXPRESS ELEVATOR...

MUST ADMIT IT'S
INCIDENTS LIKE THESE
THAT REMIND ME HOW
DUMB IT WAS FOR ME
EVER TO SUSPECT
CLARK IS SECRETLY
SUPERMAN!

HOW COULD THE
MIGHTIEST MAN ON
EARTH BE KNOCKED
FOR A LOOP BY
CANDY?

I'VE SLOSHED
ACID LIKE
MOUTHWASH...CHEWED
SOLID GRANITE LIKE
BUBBLE GUM... SO HOW
COULD A PIECE OF
CHOCOLATE AFFECT MY
SUPER-HARD TEETH?

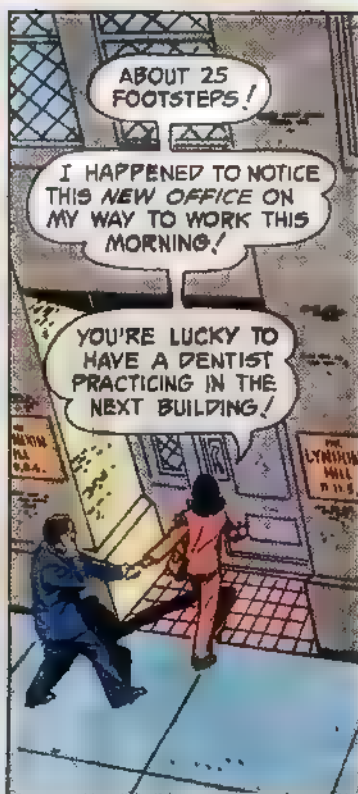
IF THE PAIN WEREN'T SO REAL, I'D
SAY THIS WAS ALL JUST A CRAZY
DREAM!



VGBS

I DOUBT THAT
ANY DENTIST
COULD HELP ME...
BUT THE WAY I FEEL,
I'M WILLING TO TRY
ANYTHING!

~GROAN~
HOW FAR TO
THE DOCTOR,
LOIS?



ABOUT 25
FOOTSTEPS!

I HAPPENED TO NOTICE
THIS NEW OFFICE ON
MY WAY TO WORK THIS
MORNING!

YOU'RE LUCKY TO
HAVE A DENTIST
PRACTICING IN THE
NEXT BUILDING!



INSIDE...

OH OH OH!

AHH!--
IT CERTAINLY
IS OBVIOUS
WHICH ONE
OF YOU
REQUIRES MY
SERVICES!

A
PIECE OF
CHOCOLATE
DID HIM IN,
DOCTOR!

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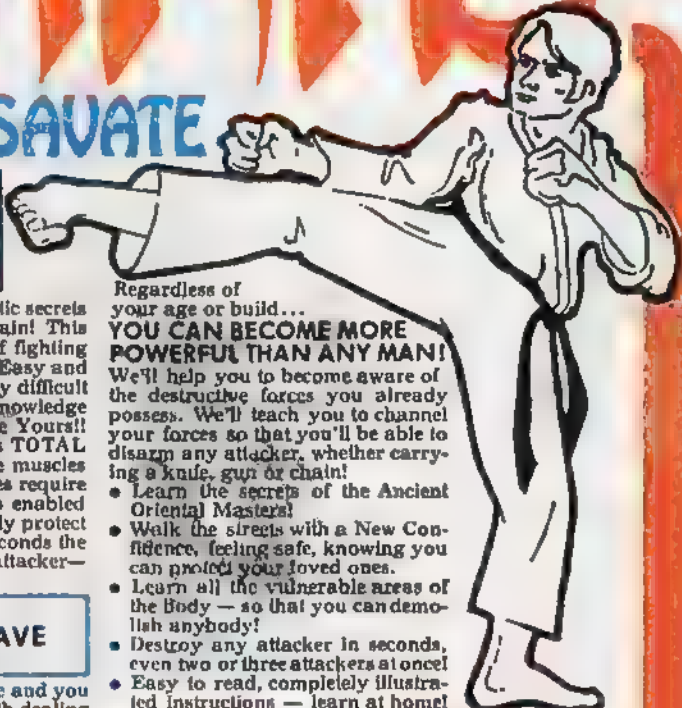
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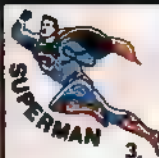
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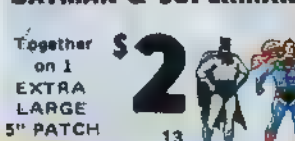
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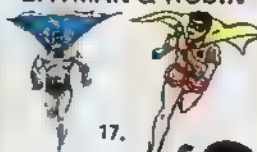
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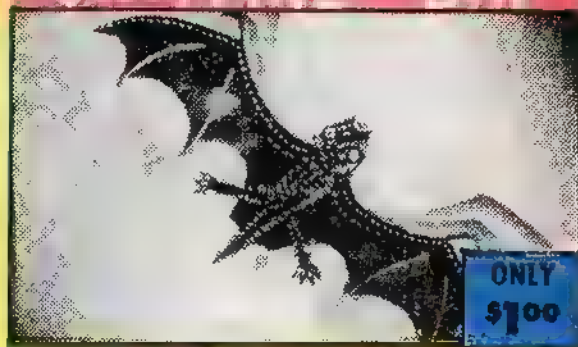
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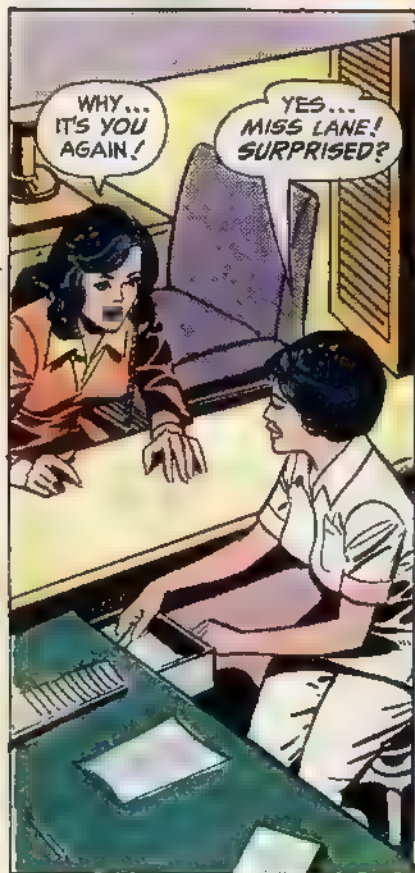
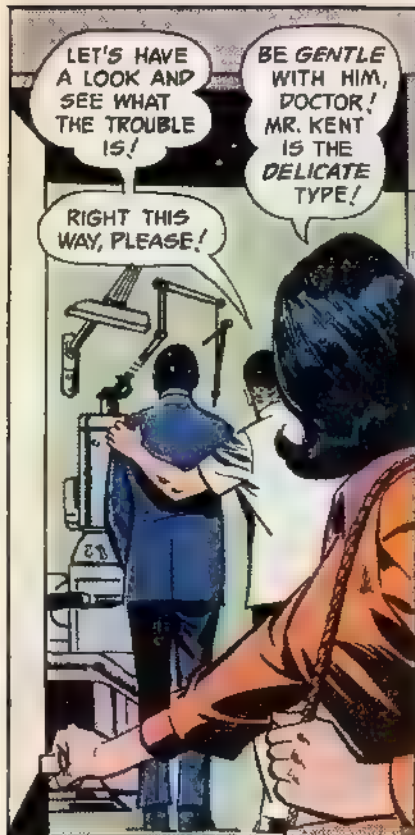
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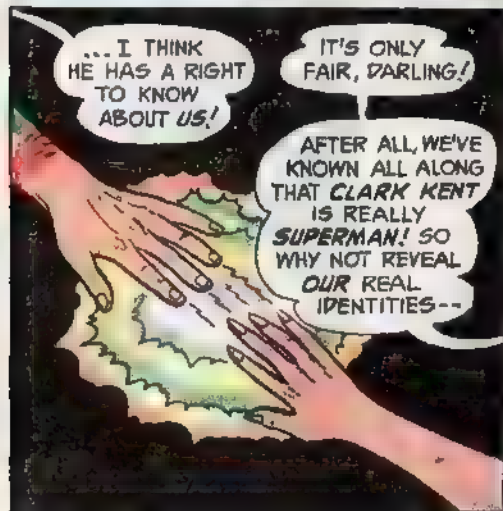
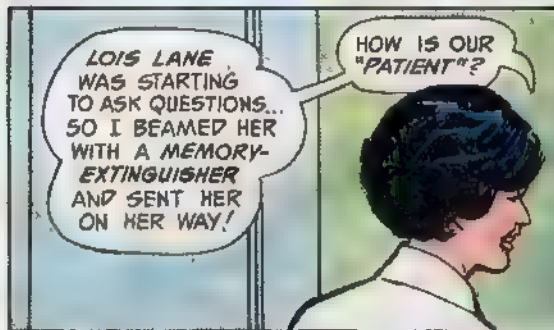
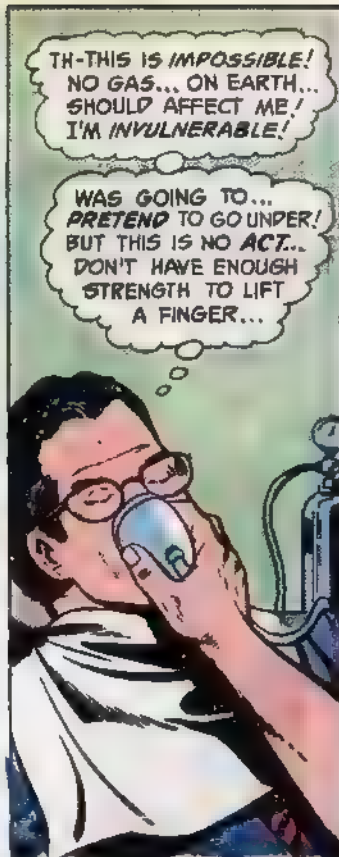
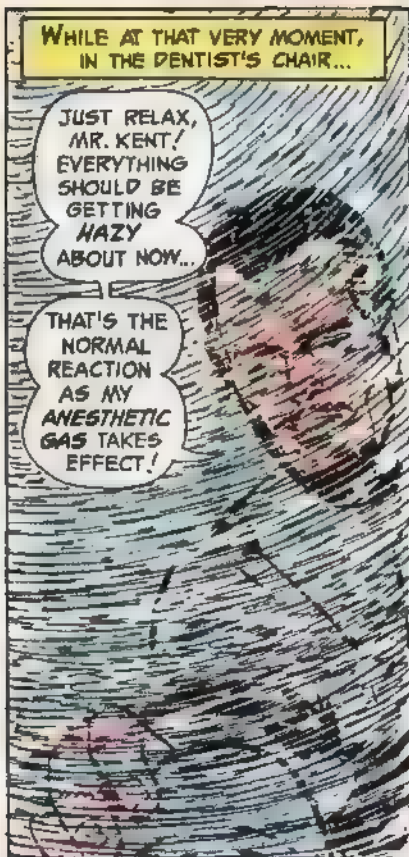
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LOIS!
HOW'S ABOUT
LETTING
US IN ON
THE BIG
SECRET!

WHERE WERE
YOU AND CLARK
RUNNING OFF
TO?

YEAH! WHAT WERE
YOU AND OUR MILD-
MANNERED PAL
UP TO, HEY?

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WHAT ON EARTH ARE
YOU TWO BABBLING ABOUT?
I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN
CLARK AT ALL TODAY!

HUH!?

AND IF HE
"RAN OFF"
WITH
SOMEONE--
IT CERTAINLY
WASN'T
ME!

YOU THINK
LOIS' AMNESIA
ROUTINE IS HER
WAY OF TELLING
US TO MIND
OUR OWN
BUSINESS?

RIGHT, JIMMY!
THE TWO OF 'EM ARE
ONTO SOME TERRIFIC
SCOOP THEY DON'T
WANT TO SHARE!

I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO
KNOW WHERE CLARKIE
IS RIGHT NOW--!

DO NOT PANIC,
SUPERMAN! THE
HALLUCINATIONS
FILLING YOUR MIND
ARE FROM THE GAS
YOU INHALED!

THE IMAGES
THEY FORM SHALL
HELP US REFRESH
YOUR MEMORY!

"REMEMBER HOW MY WIFE ZEDA AND I
ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE*
YEARS AGO, WHEN A SOUTH SEA VOLCANO
OPENED A TEMPORARY RIFT? YOU WERE
ONLY SUPERBOY THEN..."

"YOU WERE ONLY A YOUNGSTER AT THE
TIME--BUT STILL CUNNING ENOUGH TO
OUTSMART THE TWO OF US AND STRAND US
ON A WORLD WE WERE POWERLESS
TO LEAVE *..."

A RED SUN... JUST
LIKE KRYPTON'S OLD
SUN!

THAT MEANS WE'VE
LOST OUR SUPER-
POWERS HERE! WE'RE
ORDINARY HUMANS
NOW!

SUPERBOY
TRICKED
US!

*ON SUPERMAN'S NATIVE WORLD, KRYPTON,
CONVICTED CRIMINALS SERVED OUT THEIR SENTENCES
IN A TWILIGHT DIMENSION CALLED THE PHANTOM ZONE!

--EDITOR.

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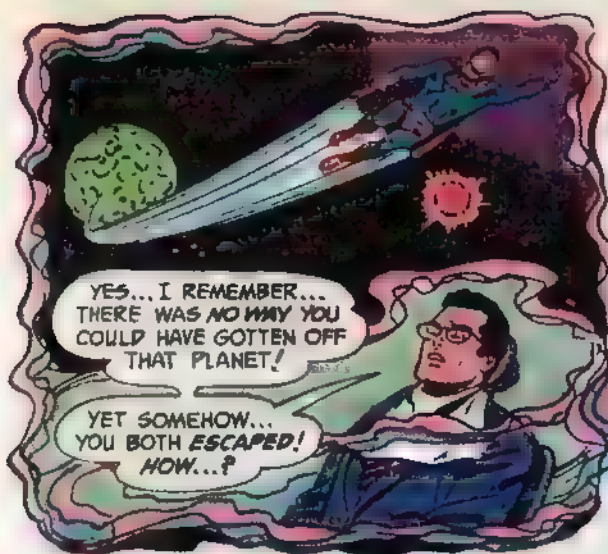
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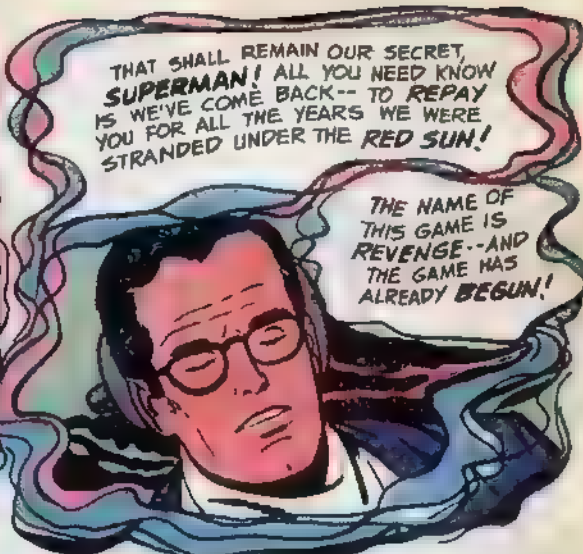
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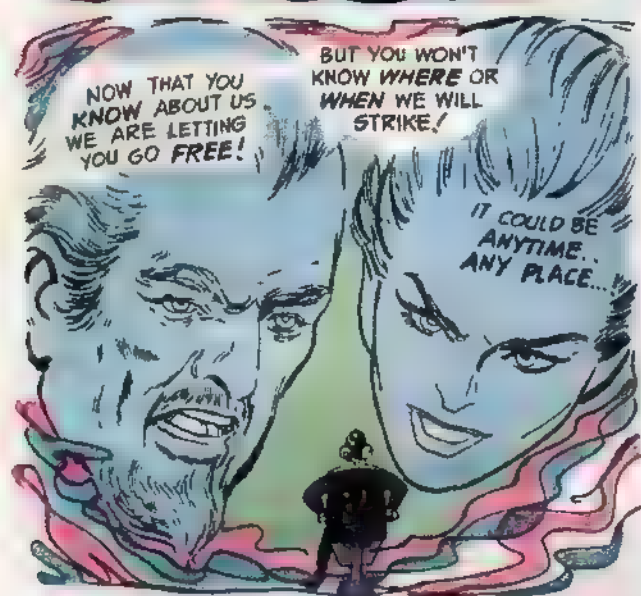
YES... I REMEMBER...
THERE WAS NO WAY YOU
COULD HAVE GOTTEN OFF
THAT PLANET!

YET SOMEHOW...
YOU BOTH **ESCAPED!**
HOW...?



THAT SHALL REMAIN OUR SECRET,
SUPERMAN! ALL YOU NEED KNOW
IS WE'VE COME BACK-- TO REPAY
YOU FOR ALL THE YEARS WE WERE
STRANDED UNDER THE **RED SUN!**

THE NAME OF
THIS GAME IS
REVENGE-- AND
THE GAME HAS
ALREADY **BEGUN!**



NOW THAT YOU
KNOW ABOUT US
WE ARE LETTING
YOU GO **FREE!**

BUT YOU WON'T
KNOW **WHERE** OR
WHEN WE WILL
STRIKE!

IT COULD BE
ANYTIME...
ANY PLACE...



**NO! I'VE GOT
YOU, XADU!**

OOOFF!



GAASP!
Y-YOU'RE
NOT
DR. XADU!!

I-I AM **DR. HILL--**
MY NAME'S ON
THE SHINGLE
OUTSIDE!

BUT WHO ARE
YOU? I JUST
ARRIVED AT
MY OFFICE...
TO FIND A
RAVING
STRANGER
SITTING
IN MY
CHAIR!

AFTER CLARK APOLOGIZES TO THE BAFFLED DENTIST AND LEAVES...

NOW I KNOW WHY MY INVULNERABILITY DIDN'T PROTECT ME FROM THE GAS AND THE CANDY... THEY WERE PRODUCTS OF XADU'S ADVANCED KRYPTONIAN MEDICINE!

HE AND ZEDA MUST'VE GONE OFF AND LEFT ME ALONE IN THE CHAIR WHILE I WAS STILL HALLUCINATING!

WELL, AT LEAST THE TOOTHACHE THEY INFLICTED UPON ME HAS GONE AWAY!

BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT ANYWAY... FROM NOW ON I MUST BE ON THE ALERT AT ALL TIMES...

...TO BE READY FOR WHATEVER DIABOLIC REVENGE THOSE TWO KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS HAVE PLANNED FOR ME!

AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'M SUPPOSED TO START DOING IN THE MEANTIME...

NOW, WHAT WAS IT...?

OH YES, NOW I REMEMBER--

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO START DESTROYING THE WORLD!

CLARK KENT

THE CONNECTION SHOWS WE'VE SUCCEEDED, DARLING! SUPERMAN IS NOW UNDER OUR CONTROL!

IT MEANS THE END OF THE EARTH... AND THE BEGINNING OF OUR SWEET REVENGE!

CAN IT BE TRUE, READER? THE MAN OF STEEL-- A MERE PAWN CAUGHT BETWEEN THE MOST LETHAL HANDS IN THE UNIVERSE? AND WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE AWESOME POWER THAT FLOWS BETWEEN THE VENGEFUL DR. XADU AND HIS WIFE ZEDA? THE ANSWERS WILL SHOCK AND STARTLE YOU NEXT ISSUE--WHEN SUPERMAN SCREAMS--

"I WANT TO WRECK THE WORLD!"

GREEN ARROW

SOMETIMES I THINK SOMEBODY UP THERE DECIDES ONCE IN A WHILE THAT I DON'T GET TO SUFFER ENOUGH... LIKE THE OTHER AFTERNOON WHEN ZATANNA--YOU KNOW, THAT CUTE GIRL MAGICIAN--APPEARED IN OLLIE QUEEN'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE TO TELL ME ABOUT...



"ZATANNA'S DOUBLE-IDENTITY!"

STORY BY ELLIOT MAGGIN (WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM ALLEN, SAL, NEAL & JOANNE)
ART BY DICK DILIN & FRANK MSLAUGLIN
EDITING BY JULIUS SCHWARTZ

LISTEN! DINAH LANCE AND I HAD JUST BEEN TO THIS MARTIAL ARTS MOVIE THAT SHE REALLY COULDN'T GET INTO...

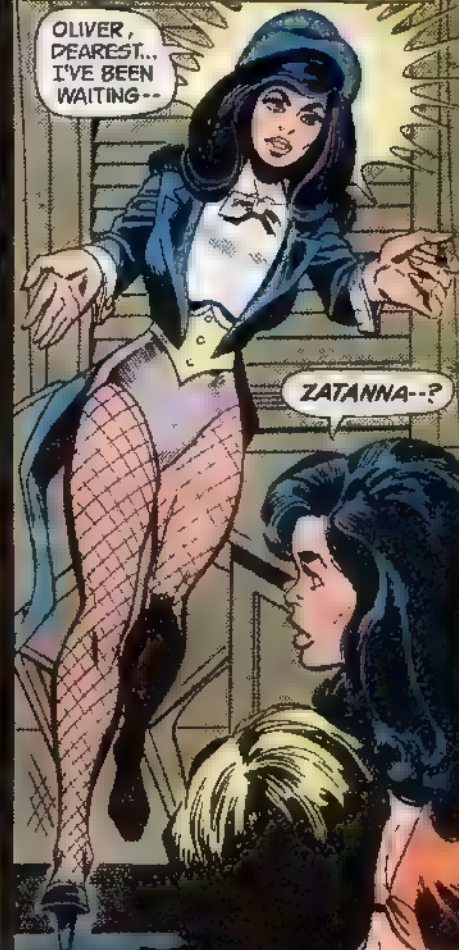


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RELATIONS



"SURE, DI SAID SHE LOVED IT... BUT SHE LIED! AND WHEN WE WENT UP TO MY OFFICE AFTERWARD..."

OLIVER, DEAREST... I'VE BEEN WAITING--



ZATANNA--?

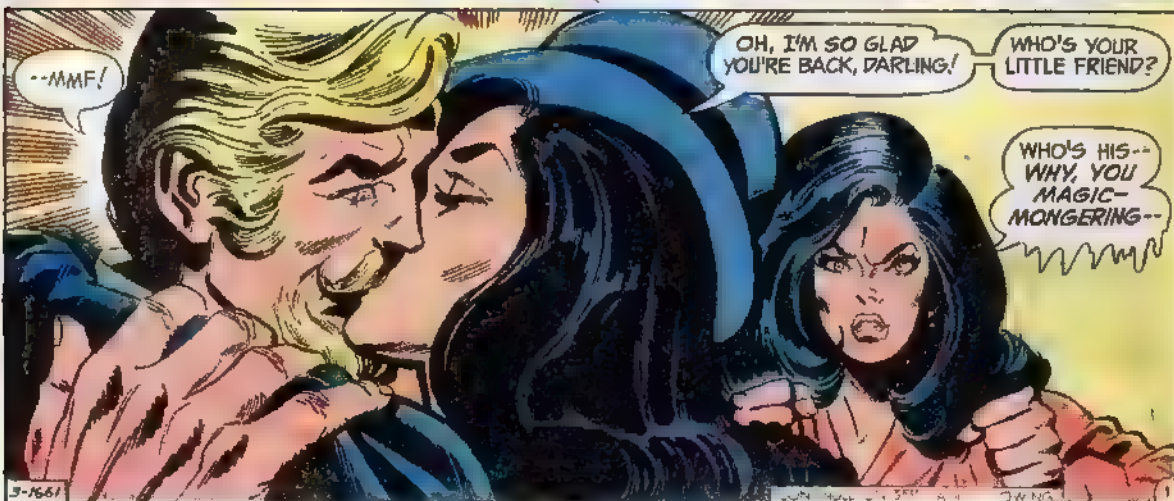
WELL, THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPR--

--MMF!

OH, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK, DARLING!

WHO'S YOUR LITTLE FRIEND?

WHO'S HIS-- WHY, YOU MAGIC-MONGERING--



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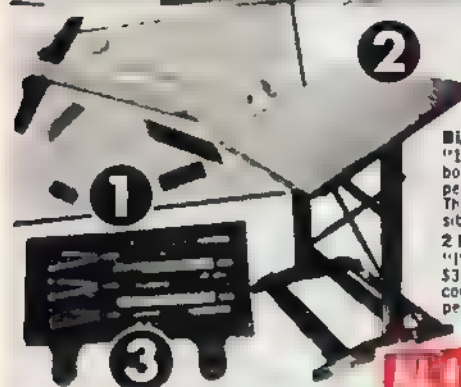
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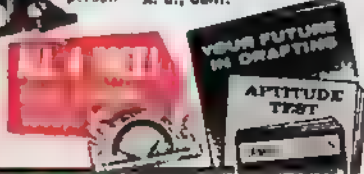
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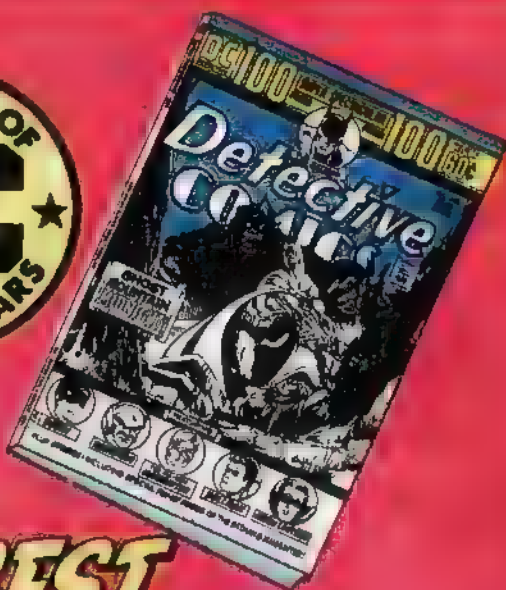
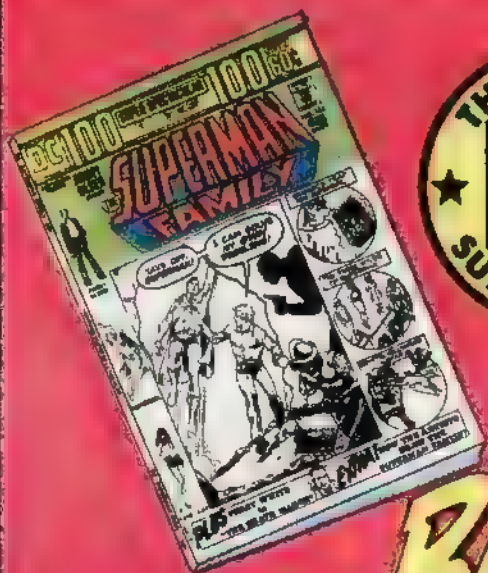
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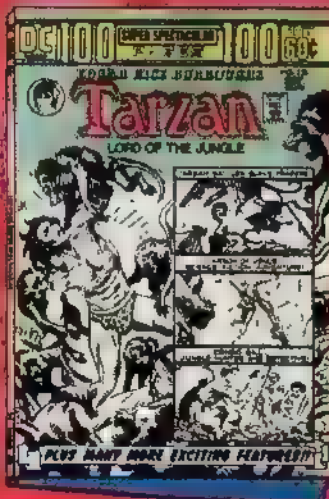
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"ALL I DID WAS INNOCENTLY WALK INTO MY OFFICE AND GOT CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO STEAM-ROLLING WOMEN..."

OLIVER, ARE YOU GOING TO STAND THERE AND LET THIS *TWERP* TREAT ME LIKE SOME KIND OF CLOD?

HONEST, I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S COMING OFF WITH--

OH, I KNOW! SHE MUST BE ONE OF YOUR CLIENTS...



...LIKE THAT HANGER-ON WITH THE CHOCOLATE FUDGE SHOP--RIGHT, OLIVER?

--UHHH...

WHAT?! WHO TOLD HER ABOUT THAT?

OLIVER, IF YOU--



"DINAH WAS ABOUT TO HIT THE ROOF--OR ZATANNA!"

"BUT BEING A JUDO-EXPERT, PRETTY BIRD KNOWS HOW TO HOLD HER TEMPER..."

IF I STAY AROUND HERE I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS!

I'LL TRUST YOU TO SORT THIS OUT ON YOUR OWN, OLIVER!

HEY! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE WITH--
--UHH!!



NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! YOU MADE HER LEAVE JUST WHEN WE WERE ABOUT TO GO TO THAT BURGLAR-PROOF BANK DEMONSTRATION!

WHY DO YOU BOTHER TO HUMOR HER, OLLIE? YOU'RE TOO NICE A GUY, THAT'S ALL!

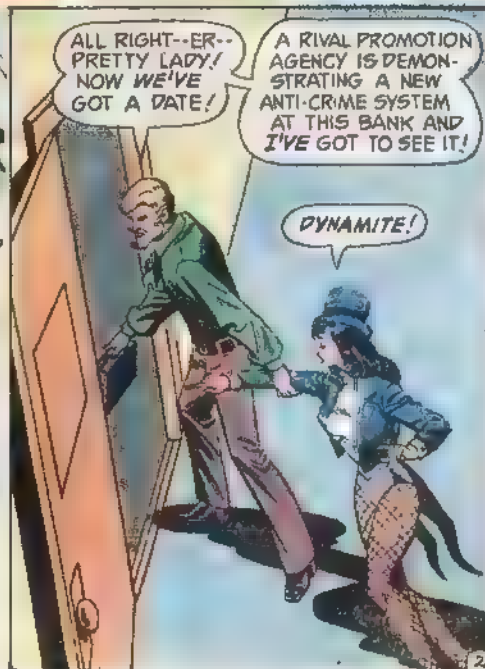
"I FIGURED ZATANNA HAD TO BE UNDER A MAGIC SPELL, BUT I SURE AS CRANBERRIES DIDN'T WANT TO BE ALONE IN THE OFFICE WITH HER, SO..."

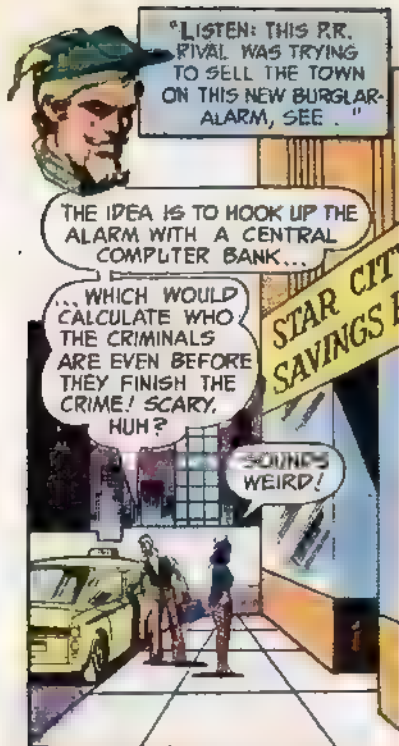


ALL RIGHT--ER--PRETTY LADY! NOW WE'VE GOT A DATE!

A RIVAL PROMOTION AGENCY IS DEMONSTRATING A NEW ANTI-CRIME SYSTEM AT THIS BANK AND I'VE GOT TO SEE IT!

DYNAMITE!





"LISTEN: THIS RR. RIVAL WAS TRYING TO SELL THE TOWN ON THIS NEW BURGLAR-ALARM, SEE . . ."

THE IDEA IS TO HOOK UP THE ALARM WITH A CENTRAL COMPUTER BANK...

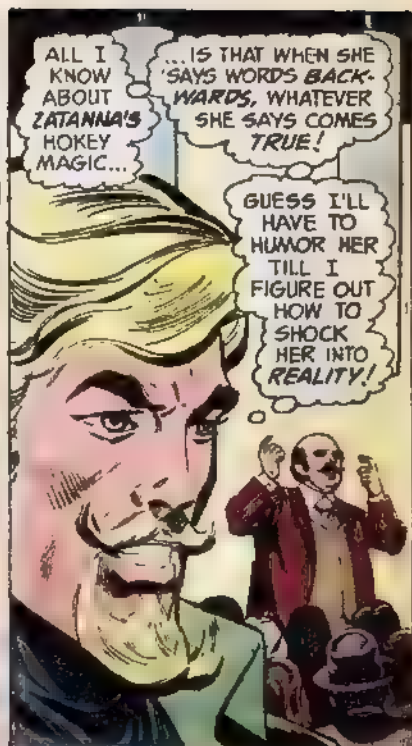
... WHICH WOULD CALCULATE WHO THE CRIMINALS ARE EVEN BEFORE THEY FINISH THE CRIME! SCARY, HUH?

SOUNDS WEIRD!



IT'S AS IF THEY WERE TURNING EVERYONE INTO A LITTLE CARD WITH HOLES PUNCHED IN IT!

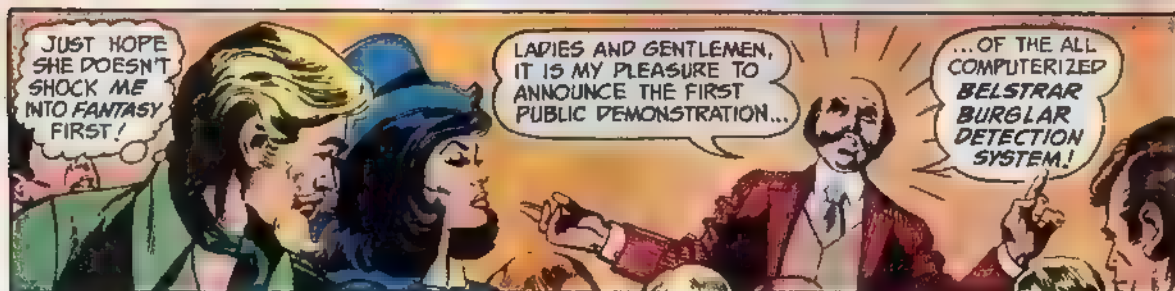
PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S A CROCK... BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP ON THE COMPETITION!



ALL I KNOW ABOUT ZATANNA'S HOKEY MAGIC...

... IS THAT WHEN SHE SAYS WORDS BACKWARDS, WHATEVER SHE SAYS COMES TRUE!

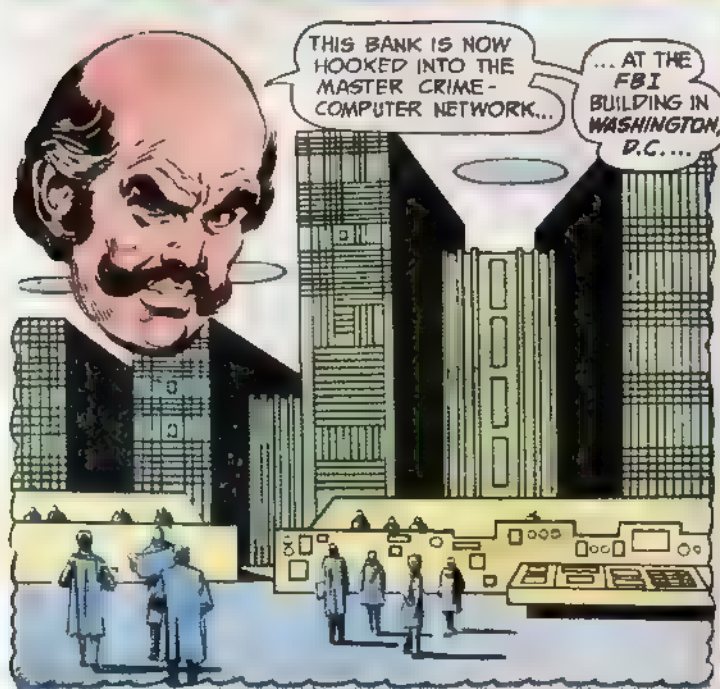
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO HUMOR HER TILL I FIGURE OUT HOW TO SHOCK HER INTO REALITY!



JUST HOPE SHE DOESN'T SHOCK ME INTO FANTASY FIRST!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THE FIRST PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION...

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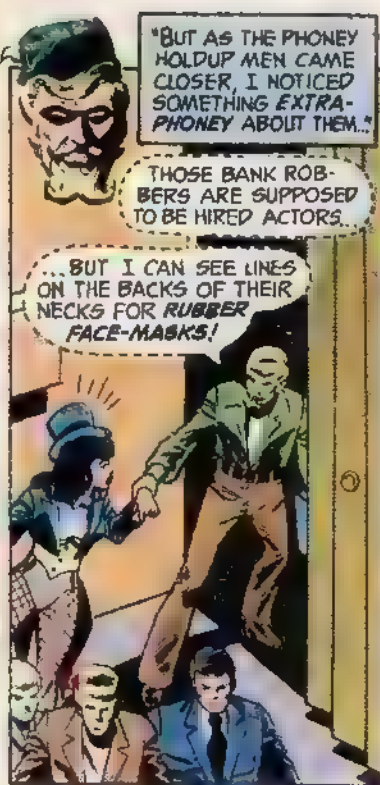
YOU'D THINK THAT GROWN MEN HAD BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER AN UNBORN CHILD IS A COMMUNIST OR NOT!



FOR A DEMONSTRATION, THESE TWO GENTLEMEN WILL PROCEED TO--AH--ROB THE BANK!

EVERYBODY BACK OFF!

THIS IS A HEIST!



"BUT AS THE PHONEY HOLDUP MEN CAME CLOSER, I NOTICED SOMETHING EXTRA-PHONEY ABOUT THEM..."

THOSE BANK ROBBERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HIRED ACTORS.

...BUT I CAN SEE LINES ON THE BACKS OF THEIR NECKS FOR RUBBER FACE-MASKS!



YOU'RE RIGHT! THEY'RE REAL ROBBERS!

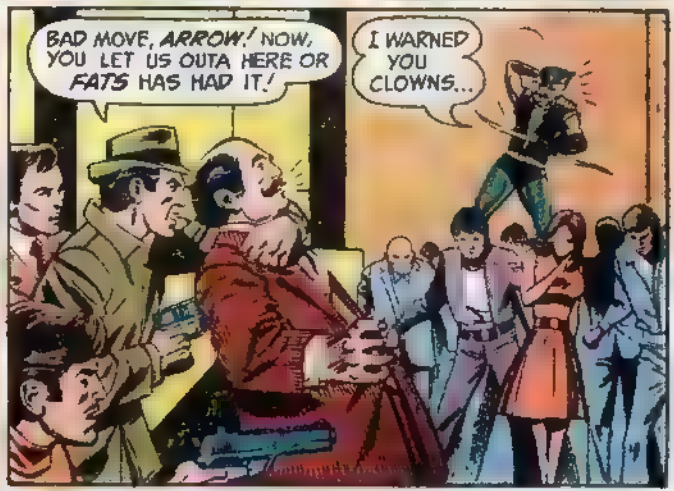
AND WE'RE GOING INTO ACTION, BABY!



"BEFORE ANYONE COULD BLINK AN EYE, I SWUNG ACROSS THE ROOM TO THE TELLERS' WINDOWS AND..."

ALL RIGHT, YOU CRUMBS--COME ALONG PEACEABLY AND THERE'LL BE NO TROUBLE!

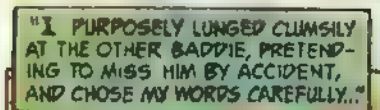
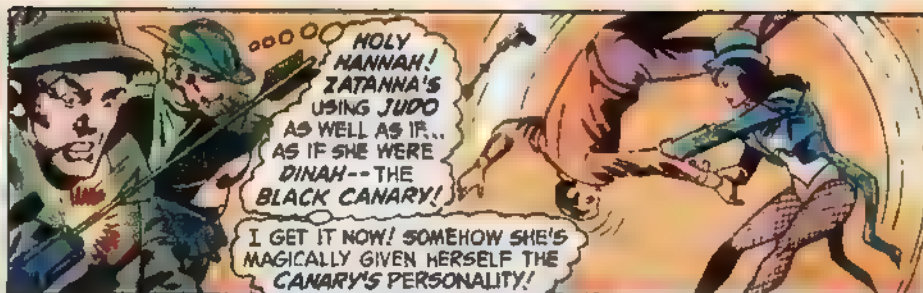
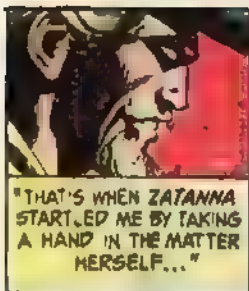
GREEN ARROW! YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF! THESE AREN'T REAL BANK ROB--
-UHHH!-



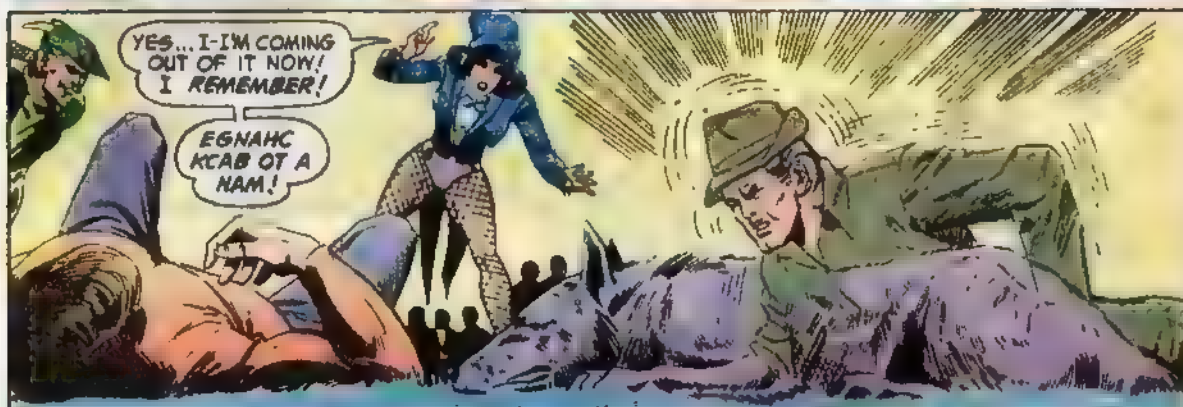
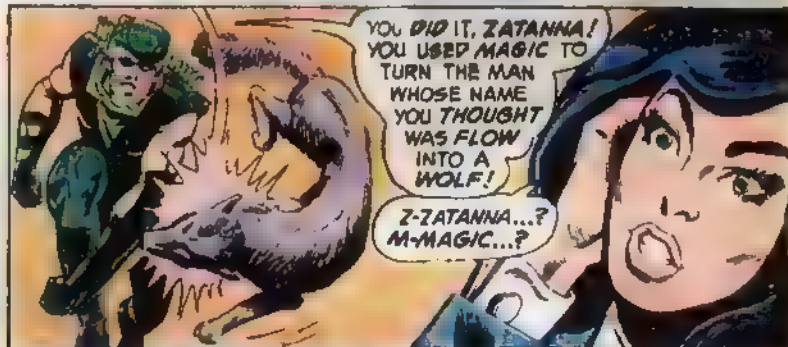
BAD MOVE, ARROW! NOW, YOU LET US OUTA HERE OR FATS HAS HAD IT!

I WARNED YOU CLOWNS...

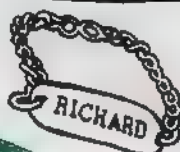




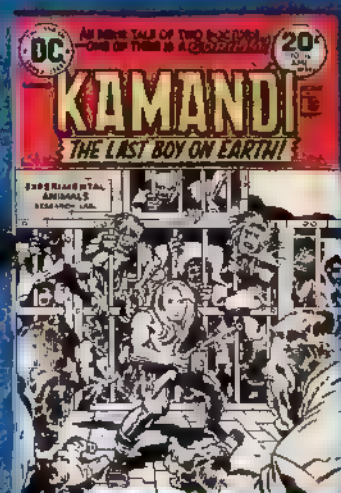
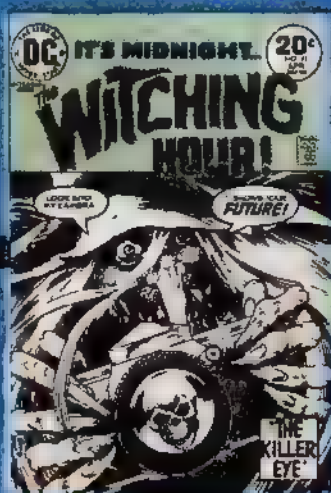
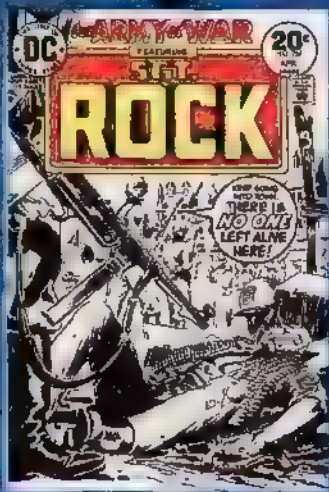
*READ WHAT ZATANNA SAID BACKWARDS AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE! TRICKY, HUM? -- AUTHOR.
[YEAH... AND CONTRIVED, TOO!-- EDITOR]



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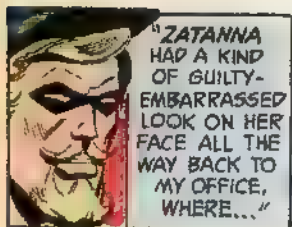
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"ZATANNA HAD A KIND OF GUILTY-EMBARRASSED LOOK ON HER FACE ALL THE WAY BACK TO MY OFFICE, WHERE..."



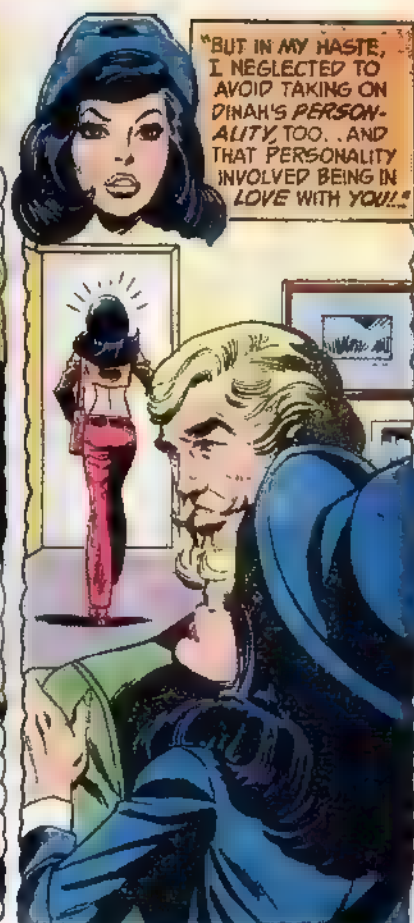
ALL RIGHT, NOW, WHAT'S THE STORY, MAGIC LADY?

WELL, I WAS TRYING TO CAPTURE THIS GANG OF GEM-SMUGGLERS YESTERDAY ... AND I DECIDED TO USE A BIT OF JUDO!



"SO I MAGICALLY GAVE MYSELF THE ABILITIES OF BLACK CANARY--THE BEST JUDO EXPERT I KNEW..."

ANNATAZ EMOCEB KCALB YRANAC!



"BUT IN MY HASTE, I NEGLECTED TO AVOID TAKING ON DINAH'S PERSONALITY, TOO... AND THAT PERSONALITY INVOLVED BEING IN LOVE WITH YOU!"



OH, SO IT WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT! DINAH WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT!

SURE, OLLIE... AN ACCIDENT--SORT OF.



SEE YOU AROUND, BIG FELLA!

MMF--



"AND THAT WAS THAT-- I HOPED..."

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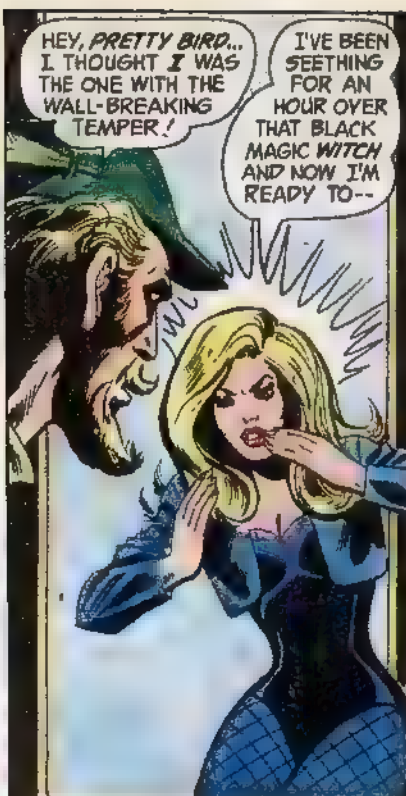


"BUT JUST AS I THOUGHT I COULD FINALLY SIT AND RELAX FOR A WHILE..."

WHERE IS SHE?

LET ME GET MY HANDS ON HER AND SHE'LL THINK SHE WAS HIT BY A TRUCK!

WHAT IN THE NAME OF--



HEY, PRETTY BIRD... I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONE WITH THE WALL-BREAKING TEMPER!

I'VE BEEN SEETHING FOR AN HOUR OVER THAT BLACK MAGIC WITCH AND NOW I'M READY TO--



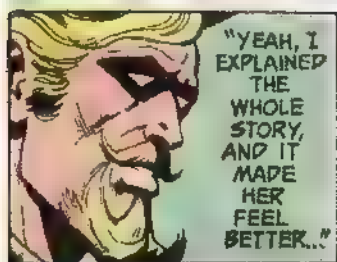
READY TO DO NOTHING, MILADY! CALM DOWN, HEY?

OH, OLIVER... I... I JUST DON'T KNOW... WHAT TO THINK--



I MEAN... FIRST YOU MAKE ME... LOVE YOU--AND THEN YOU--

--AND THEN I WHAT, DINAH? LISTEN...



"YEAH, I EXPLAINED THE WHOLE STORY, AND IT MADE HER FEEL BETTER..."



I'M SO SORRY, OLIVER! I JUST THOUGHT... ER, NEVER MIND!



OH, OLIVER... AND TO THINK WHAT I WAS READY TO DO TO ZATANNA!

I'LL HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO HER, TOO!

WELL, ER--YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!

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THE END



Dear Mr. Bridwell and Mr. Schwartz:

Out of all the several thousand comics in my collection (100% of which is DC), I would say my 200 some issues of *Action* are my favorites. From the 1930's to the present, *Action* has provided its millions of readers with the finest in art, script and an excellent variety of characters. Issue #430 proved to be another milestone in *Action's* illustrious heritage.

Nick Cardy's cover was a beaut! His rendition of *Superman* has really improved in the past few months.

"Bus Ride to Nowhere" was an excellent yarn in the grand *Superman-Action* tradition. *The Chameleon* was an unusual menace. Not some new villain out to plague *Superman*, but a creature mutated by the evolutionary process. This story was *Superman* at his best. Instead of just slugging it out with the bad guy, *Clark* has to play the thinking man's game in order to preserve his secret identity while discovering *The Chameleon's*. I'm glad the story is continued instead of being squeezed into one issue. There's lots more room for character development in a two-parter. Let's not forget that the greatest *Action* sagas were continued stories!

Now that author Cary Bates has received his share of the kudos, I'll throw a few kind words in Curt Swan and Murphy Anderson's direction. This is getting to be a worn-out cliché, but this artistic team is fantastic! Have you ever heard an unfavorable opinion of Curt and Murphy's work? I seriously doubt it.

"Up Pops the Atom" was a masterpiece, especially considering its briefness. Elliot Maggin proved his mettle here again, as did Dick Dillin and Dick Giordano on the art chores. It really bothers me to see a feature like *The Atom* confined to a seven-page filler. Oh, well—maybe some day *Atom* #46 will hit the stands.

Scott Paton, Ellicott City, Md.

(Glad you thought the issue was a milestone—and not a millstone!—E.N.B.)



Dear Editor:

I must admit that I love mysteries, and "Bus Ride to Nowhere" really leaves you hanging. By reading the story and looking for all clues, I must say that *Martin Thorpe*, the executive, is our man.

Reason: Page 13, panel 4—"I saw *Superman* fly into our building," says *Thorpe*. Page 5, panel 5 (narration)—"*Man of Steel* enters his apartment at invisible super-speed . . ."

See my point? I'd like to congratulate all the staff on a beautiful job.

Perry Streetman, Augusta, Ga.

(And we'd like to congratulate you on a very astute bit of deduction.—E.N.B.)

Dear Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Bridwell:

"Bus Ride to Nowhere," while not exactly a classic tale, was certainly one of the *Man of Steel's* more interesting adventures. The plot-line wasn't unique, but was quite well thought out. The beginning of the mystery, in the darkness before dawn, was paced just quick enough to be realistic, yet slow enough to insure the proper atmosphere.

My only real complaints are concerned with a few lines of wasted dialogue and some of the names of the various characters. The names I refer to are *May Marigold* and *Jonathan Slaughter*. I doubt these are typical family names. I mustn't forget the slightly off-key dialogue, such as referring to the villain as the "quakerer," and the usual cliché of "We must be dream."

The pencils and inks of Curt Swan and Murphy Anderson were, as always, mind-staggering. The night scenes were particularly well presented.

"Up Pops the Atom" was not much plotwise or artwise. The Dillin-Giordano team was, surprisingly, so poor that I could hardly recognize *Ray Palmer*! The plot was so light as to be non-existent. While I know there's not much you can do in seven pages, I still expect something a bit more developed.

James T. McCoy, Jr., Valley Station, Ky.

(Concerning the names, we should point out that *May* and *Jonathan* are regular characters who have appeared before. And while the name *Marigold* may not be common, there are 27 Slaughters in the Manhattan phone book!—E.N.B.)



Dear Nelson:

Once more, the suspenseful quality of *Action Comics* has forced me to write you guys. Nick's cover of #430 was magnificently done.

What a weird bus trip! No wonder *Metropolis* has traffic problems! Part one was better than I expected and the conclusion should be a real winner. So again, congrats to Cary, Curt and Murphy!

"Up Pops the Atom" is an Elliot Maggin script I'll never forget, but congrats not only to him, but to Dick D. and G., and to all of you who have made this issue another magnificent classic in *Action's* history! Page 5 of the *Atom* story was one of Dillin and Giordano's greatest!

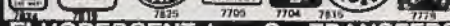
All I have left is more praise, so keep on truckin' to bring us the best of all possible stories!

Will Nash, Magnolia, N.J.

(We never will gnash our teeth at a review like that!—E.N.B.)

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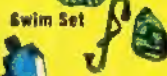
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